(a) Agriculture;

(b) Health and Family Welfare;

(c) Human Resource Development; and

(d) Rural Development.

(II) The Committee recommended that the sitting of Rajya Sabha fixed for Saturday, the 5th May, 2007, be cancelled.

(III) The Committee also recommended that the Private Members' Business (Resolutions) which was earlier scheduled for Friday, the 4th May, 2007, be taken up on Friday, the 11th May, 2007, along with Private Members' Legislative Business scheduled for that day.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON OFFICES OF PROFIT

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): Sir, I move the following Motion:

That this House concurs in the recommendations of the Lok Sabha that the Rajya Sabha do elect one Member of the Rajya Sabha to the Joint Committee on Offices of Profit in the vacancy caused by the demise of Shri Chittabrata Majumdar on the 20th February, 2007 and resolves that the House do proceed to elect, in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, one Member from among the Members of the House to the said Joint Committee to fill the vacancy.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Statement regarding Government Business, Shri Suresh Pachouri.

STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE

IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): With your permission, Sir, I rise to announce the Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 7th of May, 2007 will consist of:—

(iii) Discussion on the working of the following Ministries:—

a. Agriculture;

b. Health and Family Welfare;

c. Human Resource Development; and

d. Rural Development.

(iv) Consideration and passing of the Mizoram University (Amendment) Bill, 2007

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Attacks on persons of Indian Origin

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA (Rajasthan): Sir, I rise to commend the attention of the House over growing incidents of violence targeted against the lives and properties of persons of Indian origin settled in different countries. The recent incidents of arson in Uganda have highlighted the seriousness of xenophobia prevalent among the native societies. Similar attacks are reported from the neighbouring Nepal where Indian businessmen have been targeted in rioting by the Maoist outfits. They are being boycotted and are also being subjected to extortion. This is despite their recurrent plea with Government of India to take up their issue with the Government of Nepal. I call upon the Government to be alive to periodic reports on plight of Indian workers in a few countries of Middle East. A few months ago, Indian temples were targeted in one of the Central Asian countries. LTTE has bombed IOC depot in Sri Lanka on 29th April. Even in European democracies like UK, the Indian doctors face an uncertain future due to a certain law derecognising their qualification. More than their repatriated foreign exchange, the persons of Indian origin have had long professional career and business associations with these countries and as such have been emissaries of Indian ethos, professional expertise and enterprise. They have contributed to that country's economy. In recent scenario, the Government of India must assume some responsibility towards lives and